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WASHINGTON, November 16, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 11 totaled 348,464, down 0.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 1.8 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. Both the 1989 and 1988 weeks included the Veterans' Day holiday. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 1.0 percent in the West but down 2.5 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, grain loadings were up 4,920 cars (18.2 percent) and coal loadings were up 4,764 cars (3.6 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 3,714 cars (16.3 percent), and loadings of metallic ores were off 3,060 cars (14.6 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 45 weeks of 1989 totaled 15,075,937, down 1.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 124,163 trailers and/or containers for the week ended November 11, up 4.5 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of 1989 was 5,167,885 trailers and/or containers, 3.0 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended November 11 totaled 20.2 billion, 0.5 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 865.8 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 11, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 11, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,958	27,038	18.2 %	31,957	.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,301	2,592	-11.2	2,307	-.3
Metallic Ores	17,902	20,962	-14.6	19,863	-9.9
Coal	135,960	131,196	3.6	134,673	1.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,880	16,639	1.4	17,130	-1.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,993	9,788	-8.1	10,551	-14.8
Grain Mill Products	9,773	10,195	-4.1	10,285	-5.0
Food & Kindred Products	9,302	9,092	2.3	9,575	-2.9
Primary Forest Products	8,921	9,745	-8.5	9,301	-4.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,033	6,862	-12.1	6,406	-5.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,715	10,060	-3.4	10,289	-5.6
Chemicals	26,833	27,403	-2.1	27,105	-1.0
Petroleum Products	4,722	4,964	-4.9	4,996	-5.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,353	10,728	-3.5	10,707	-3.3
Coke	5,873	5,698	3.1	5,291	11.0
Metals & Products	8,944	9,569	-6.5	9,714	-7.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,100	22,814	-16.3	19,283	-.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,598	9,325	-7.8	8,514	1.0
All Other Carloads	6,303	7,071	-10.9	7,023	-10.3
Total	**348,464**	**351,741**	**-.9 %**	**354,970**	**-1.8 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 11, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 45 WEEKS ENDING NOVEMBER 11, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**348,464**	**351,741**	**-.9 %**	**15,075,937**	**15,265,776**	**-1.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	72,178	71,341	1.2	3,000,196	3,025,341	-.8
Containers	51,985	47,501	9.4	2,167,689	1,989,767	8.9
Total	**124,163**	**118,842**	**4.5**	**5,167,885**	**5,015,108**	**3.0**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.2**	**20.1**	**.5 %**	**865.8**	**867.7**	**-.2 %**

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